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1. DEPT VERY MUCH APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF EMBASSY IN PROVIDING THE WELL-WRITTEN, DETAILED ANALYSIS OF NASCIMEN-TO'S TALKS WITH THE GOI. SUCH INSIGHTS INTO ANGOLAN ATTITUDES ARE DIFFICULT FOR US TO COME BY. THIS REPORT WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO US IN ANALYZING ANGOLA'S ATTITUDE ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN INITIATIVE AND ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.

2. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICER IN THE MFA. GIVEN THE GOI'S INCREASED INTEREST IN ANGOLA WE HOPE A REGULAR CHANNEL COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE US WITH THE GOI'S VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. ROBINSON

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